

# Indiana House of Representatives

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### **PORTER'S CENTER FOR AG SCIENCE AND HERITAGE PASSED BY HOUSE**

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Greg Porter's (D-Indianapolis) legislation that would clarify who has control over the Center for Agriculture Science and Heritage was passed by the Indiana House this week on a 95-0 vote.

Under House Bill 1646, the center, known as "the Barn," and the State Fair Commission will come together to take care of the facility and oversee its events. In the past, there has been confusion about the separation of responsibilities for the two groups who had control over the building. Under the legislation, the State Fair Commission will deal with state fairground property issues, maintenance, and rental issues, and the barn commission will focus on educational programs.

"Because of the confusion over who should be doing what in regard to the Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage, the two controlling groups voluntarily came together and agreed on a memorandum which provided a clearer understanding of the responsibilities of the State Fair Commission and the Barn," said Porter.

"The Barn hosts numerous educational events for students in the Indianapolis area, not to mention the entertainment events that are held there, and this legislation will allow the Barn to prepare for these events and its visitors in a more orderly fashion," he added.

The Senate will be sent House Bill 1646 for debate.